

Site C Clean Energy Project Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012 Consultation Summary Report

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* Available upon request

CD copy of materials

1. Background

Site C Clean Energy Project

The Site C Clean Energy Project (Site C) is a proposed third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River in northeast B.C. It would be located approximately seven kilometres southwest of Fort St. John, just downstream of the Moberly River. BC Hydro is proposing to build Site C as part of its overall program to invest in and renew the province's electricity system.

Site C would provide up to 1,100 megawatts (MW) of capacity, and provide about 5,100 gigawatt hours (GWh) of electricity each year – enough energy to power the equivalent of about 450,000 homes per year in B.C.

Environmental and Regulatory Review

Site C is currently in the environmental and regulatory review stage, which includes a cooperative environmental assessment process by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BCEAO) and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEA Agency), including a joint review panel. The environmental assessment process commenced in August 2011 and is anticipated to take up to three years.

As part of the environmental assessment, BC Hydro is identifying and assessing potential project effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – and opportunities to provide lasting benefits to the region and to Aboriginal groups. Where effects cannot be avoided, BC Hydro is identifying and evaluating options for mitigation. BC Hydro will file an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in early 2013.

Site C requires environmental certification and other regulatory permits and approvals before it can proceed to construction. In addition, the Crown has a duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Aboriginal groups.

- British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office:
www.eao.gov.bc.ca
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency:
www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca

2. Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012

2.1 Purpose

Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012 was designed to consult and engage with the public and stakeholders on topics important to project planning and the environmental assessment. Project Definition Consultation builds on the public and stakeholder consultation conducted in the consultation and technical review stage held between 2007 and 2009, and a round of consultation held in Spring 2012.

For more information about past consultation regarding the Site C Clean Energy Project, including Consultation Summary Reports, please visit www.bchydro.com/sitec.

2.2 Information Updates and Consultation Topics

During Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012, BC Hydro consulted the public and stakeholders regarding the following topics:

- **Worker Accommodation**

BC Hydro is developing a worker accommodation plan for Site C, which will describe accommodation requirements for short-term and long-term workers, consider community interests, and be adjustable and flexible to meet construction needs. BC Hydro sought feedback regarding elements of the worker accommodation plan as well as priorities for developing new housing.

- **Transportation**

BC Hydro presented information regarding upgrades to existing roads and construction of new temporary and permanent roads proposed as part of the Site C project. BC Hydro also presented information about construction traffic that would result from the Site C project, and sought feedback regarding potential measures for managing traffic.

- **Clearing**

BC Hydro is developing a clearing plan for the Site C project that will outline the proposed approach to clearing trees and vegetation, and managing wood waste and debris. BC Hydro sought feedback regarding the preliminary clearing plan, including timing for clearing activities later in the construction period.

- **Agriculture**

BC Hydro provided an overview of the agricultural assessment currently underway, updated information and classifications of land affected by the Site C project, and sought feedback regarding potential agricultural mitigation options.

How Input Will Be Used

Public and stakeholder input received during consultation has been summarized in this consultation summary report. Input will help inform the planning process, project definition and plans for mitigation of potential project impacts as BC Hydro prepares the Environmental Impact Statement for review in the environmental assessment process in 2013.

This information will be used, along with technical and financial information, in refining project designs or plans, including engineering and environmental mitigation plans.

2.3 Consultation Participation

There were a total of **495 participant interactions** during Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012:

- **349 people attended consultation events**
 - 231 people attended 15 stakeholder meetings
 - 118 people attended four open houses
- A total of **42 feedback forms** were received at stakeholder meetings, at open houses, through the online feedback form, and through mail and fax
- In addition to the feedback forms, **12 submissions** were received through email and mail
- **92 people** visited the Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope Community Consultation Offices between September 10 and October 19, 2012

2.4 Consultation Methods

2.4.1 Discussion Guide and Feedback Form

A Discussion Guide explained the purpose and scope of Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012, and included a feedback form to gather input.

This document was used in meetings with local government, stakeholders and the public, and was available on the Site C website (www.bchydro.com/sitec). An online version of the feedback form was also available.

Results from the feedback form can be found starting on page 19 of this report.

A copy of the Discussion Guide and Feedback Form is in Appendix 1.

2.4.2 Online Consultation

All consultation materials were available on the project website (www.bchydro.com/sitec), including an online version of the feedback form that could be submitted to the project team directly from the website. Of the 42 feedback forms received, 28 were received online.

2.4.3 Stakeholder Meetings

231 participants attended the 15 stakeholder meetings held as part of Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012.

A Kirk & Co. facilitator and meeting recorder attended the stakeholder meetings with Site C project staff. At each meeting, participants were provided with copies of the Discussion Guide and Feedback Form, and Site C project staff presented the information found in the guide, focusing on the consultation topics. Participants were invited to provide comments and questions to project staff. Key themes from each of the stakeholder meetings are summarized in this report, starting on page 8.

2.4.4 Open Houses

118 people attended four open houses held as part of Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012.

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The four open houses were held on the following dates:

Open Houses	
Date	Community
Tuesday, September 11, 2012	Fort St. John
Wednesday, September 12, 2012	Hudson's Hope
Thursday, September 13, 2012	Dawson Creek
Tuesday, September 18, 2012	Chetwynd

Stakeholder Meetings		
	Date	Community
1	Monday, September 10, 2012	Peace River Regional District Meeting
2	Monday, September 10, 2012	Fort St. John Stakeholder Meeting 1
3	Tuesday, September 11, 2012	Fort St. John Local Government Meeting
4	Tuesday, September 11, 2012	Fort St. John Stakeholder Meeting 2
5	Wednesday, September 12, 2012	Hudson's Hope Local Government Meeting
6	Wednesday, September 12, 2012	Hudson's Hope Stakeholder Meeting
7	Thursday, September 13, 2012	Dawson Creek Local Government Meeting
8	Thursday, September 13, 2012	Dawson Creek Stakeholder Meeting
9	Friday, September 14, 2012	Taylor Local Government Meeting
10	Friday, September 14, 2012	Taylor Stakeholder Meeting
11	Monday, September 17, 2012	Tumbler Ridge Local Government/Stakeholder Meeting
12	Tuesday, September 18, 2012	Chetwynd Local Government Meeting
13	Tuesday, September 18, 2012	Chetwynd Stakeholder Meeting
14	Wednesday, September 19, 2012	Mackenzie Local Government/Stakeholder Meeting
15	Thursday, September 20, 2012	Prince George Local Government/Stakeholder Meeting

At the Fort St. John open house, a one-hour question and answer period was held at the end of the meeting. While most participants engaged Site C team members in one-on-one or small-group discussions through the open house portion, some also participated in the question and answer period. Key themes from the open house can be found on page 17.

Open houses in Hudson's Hope and Chetwynd were conducted in conjunction with stakeholder meetings (stakeholder meetings took place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and open houses took place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). As a result, question and answer sessions were not held as part of these open houses. At the open house in Dawson Creek on Thursday, September 13, a question and answer session was not held, due to the lower number of participants and to allow them to have one-on-one or small-group discussions with the project team.

Demonstrations of Opposition

At two of the open houses, Fort St. John and Chetwynd, there were peaceful demonstrations in opposition to the Site C project. Demonstrators brought in signage with messages of opposition to the project. The number of demonstrators at the open house ranged from two in Chetwynd to approximately 40 in Fort St. John.

2.4.5 Community Consultation Offices

BC Hydro operates community consultation offices in Fort St. John and Hudson's Hope to provide a place where people can get information on, ask questions about, and provide information related to the Site C Clean Energy Project.

Approximately 92 people visited the community consultation offices between September 10 and October 19, 2012.

Visitors provided their comments and asked questions of the project staff. Generally, visitors were interested in:

- Receiving an overview of the project
- Business and employment opportunities with the project
- Picking up map books containing the preliminary impact lines and preferred Highway 29 realignments
- Information about the purpose and use of the 85th Avenue Industrial Lands if the Site C project proceeds
- Information about the Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012 stakeholder meetings and open houses
- Picking up the Discussion Guide and Feedback Form
- Picking up copies of print materials about the Site C project
- Viewing the wall maps displaying the project footprint

All visitors were encouraged to submit a Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012 Feedback Form and participate in consultation meetings (stakeholder meetings and open houses).

2.5 Notice of Opportunities to Participate in Consultation

Notice of opportunities to participate in the Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012 was provided through the following:

- **Invitation and Reminder Emails:** More than 3,000 emails were sent to invite people to, or to remind people about, stakeholder meetings and open houses. Emails were sent to the Site C stakeholder list, which includes those who have signed up for project updates on the Site C project website and those who have participated in previous Site C consultation events.
- **Reminder Phone Calls:** More than 2,800 phone calls were made in follow-up to the email invitations, inviting or reminding people about meetings.
- **Advertising:** Ads were placed in the following newspapers and websites, inviting members of the public to attend stakeholder meetings and open houses and to participate in online consultation:
 - *Alaska Highway News* (August 27, September 3 and September 10, 2012)
 - *Northeast News* (August 30, September 6 and September 13, 2012)
 - *Hudson's Hope Bulletin* (September 1, 2012)
 - *Mackenzie Times* (August 29 and September 12, 2012)
 - *energeticcity.ca* (August 27–31 and September 3–7, 2012)
 - *Prince George Citizen* (August 30 and September 13, 2012)
 - *Opinion250.com* (August 27–31 and September 10–14, 2012)
 - *Dawson Creek Daily News* (August 30 and September 6, 2012)
 - *Tumbler Ridge News* (August 28 and September 11, 2012)
 - *Chetwynd Echo* (August 31 and September 14, 2012)
- **Reminder Advertising:** An advertisement reminding the public about the ways to submit feedback and about the consultation feedback deadline of October 19, 2012 was placed in the following newspapers and on the following websites:
 - *Alaska Highway News* (October 8, 2012)
 - *Northeast News* (October 11, 2012)
 - *Mackenzie Times* (October 10, 2012)
 - *energeticcity.ca* (October 8–12, 2012)
 - *Prince George Citizen* (October 11, 2012)
 - *Opinion250.com* (October 8–12, 2012)
 - *Dawson Creek Daily News* (October 11, 2012)
 - *Tumbler Ridge News* (October 9, 2012)
 - *Chetwynd Echo* (October 12, 2012)
- **Postcard Mailer:** A postcard mailer was delivered to approximately 19,000 residents in the Peace region, notifying them of opportunities to attend open houses and to participate in online consultation. Postcards were delivered to residents in:
 - Charlie Lake
 - Chetwynd
 - Dawson Creek
 - Hudson's Hope
 - Fort Nelson
 - Fort St. John
 - Mackenzie
 - Pouce Coupe
 - Taylor
 - Tumbler Ridge

- **Bill Inserts and Newsletters:**

- **Bill Notification Email:** For the 300,000 customers who have elected to receive an electronic BC Hydro bill, notification of the consultation and a link to consultation information on the BC Hydro website was sent via email starting in late August 2012.
- **Connected:** Notification of the consultation was also included in *Connected*, BC Hydro's electronic newsletter for customers. This was sent to approximately 19,000 BC Hydro customers in early September 2012.
- **Power of Business:** Notification of the consultation was also included in *Power of Business*, BC Hydro's electronic newsletter for businesses. This was sent to approximately 7,000 BC Hydro business customers in mid-September 2012.

3. Key Results

3.1 Key Theme Summary from Stakeholder Meetings and Open Houses

While many comments and questions were heard in each of the stakeholder meetings and open house question and answer sessions, the following represents a summary of the most frequently mentioned key themes at the 15 stakeholder meetings and one open house question and answer session.

It is important to note that this key theme summary represents a qualitative analysis of stakeholder meeting and open house question and answer notes, as opposed to the quantitative analysis of feedback forms starting on page 19 of this report.

- **Debris Management – Clearing**

(a key theme at 9 meetings)

Participants asked about various aspects of debris management as a part of BC Hydro’s preliminary clearing plan, including:

- The potential for use of non-merchantable timber as biofuel
- The amount of burning that would be required and how that would impact air quality
- The ways BC Hydro would minimize and manage floating debris in the Site C reservoir during and following construction

- **Moving Construction Materials by Rail** (a key theme at 9 meetings)

Participants asked about the potential of moving construction materials by rail instead of road from the quarry at Pine Pass to the Site C dam site area. Participants expressed that this would improve safety and lessen the impact of traffic on the road infrastructure, as there would be fewer trucks on the road. Some participants said that the roads were already congested and that moving construction materials by road would worsen the situation.

- **Worker and Material Movement** (a key theme at 8 meetings)

Participants were interested in knowing how workers and materials would be transported to the workforce accommodation camps on the north and south bank. The City of Fort St. John expressed concern about transportation of workers from the south bank to Fort St. John in the case of medical emergencies.

- **Road Improvements** (a key theme at 7 meetings)

Participants were interested in the upgrades planned for existing roads and new roads that would be built for the Site C project. In some cases, participants felt that local and regional roads should be upgraded to a higher standard than they are now to meet increased demand from project-related traffic and to improve safety. In particular, there were requests for wider shoulders to be part of the road upgrades. Other participants mentioned the need to ensure that roads were maintained during construction, and restored post-construction, to address the impacts from project-related traffic.

- **Worker Accommodation – In-Community Housing** (a key theme at 5 meetings)

Participants asked whether the location of in-community housing had been decided and whether the project-related housing would be in Fort St. John. Participants at meetings in Hudson’s Hope, Dawson Creek and Taylor said they would like to see in-community housing in their communities during the project, which could be used for housing for seniors or others in the community, post-construction. The District of Hudson’s Hope requested that Site C coordinate with BC Hydro’s Generation team to address the need for long-term housing in Hudson’s Hope.

- **Project Access Road**¹ (a key theme at 5 meetings)

Participants were interested in access to the Project Access Road and wondered how BC Hydro would restrict access to this road. Some participants felt that public access to this road should be provided as a benefit from the Site C project.

¹ BC Hydro is proposing to construct a new permanent 34-kilometre dedicated haul road, from where Jackfish Lake Road passes under the existing 138 kV transmission line, to the Site C dam site. This road would generally be contained within the planned transmission corridor. Access to this road would be restricted to project traffic at all times during construction.

- **Clearing Plan** (a key theme at 4 meetings)
Participants asked about aspects of BC Hydro's preliminary clearing plan, including:
 - Whether the forest industry has the capacity to handle the timber from the project
 - Who would hold licences to clear the land
 - How timber would be removed and transported from the reservoir
- **Socio-Economic Impacts** (a key theme at 4 meetings)
Participants expressed concern about the increased demand for housing as well as the demand for emergency, education, community and recreation services in the region that would result from an influx of workers for the Site C project and the associated population increase.
- **Transportation Safety** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants raised concerns about various aspects of safety regarding worker and material transportation related to the Site C project. Concerns included the safety of workers driving home when they complete a shift rotation in worker accommodation camps, and other project-related traffic interacting with school buses.
- **Amount of Agricultural Land Impacted** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants expressed concerns about the amount of agricultural land impacted by the Site C project, noting that this land was valuable and limited.
- **Agricultural Assessment** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants asked questions about the methodology for the agricultural assessment and whether certain areas were included in the assessment, such as the land within the impact lines.
- **Development of the Peace River Valley** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants suggested that the development in the Peace River valley, in particular agriculture development, would have been greater if the possibility of the Site C project had not existed.
- **Workforce Accommodation – Camps** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants expressed interest in worker accommodation camps and asked about various aspects of the camps.
- **Bridge Over the Peace River** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants asked whether a bridge over the Peace River would be provided as part of the Site C project; some said this bridge should be a legacy benefit to the region from the project. The City of Fort St. John said they were strongly in favour of a bridge; however, the Districts of Hudson's Hope and Dawson Creek both opposed the idea of a bridge.
- **Agricultural Mitigation** (a key theme at 3 meetings)
Some participants expressed interest in what would be included in the proposed agricultural compensation fund.
 - Some participants suggested that mitigation options include the enhancement of lower-quality land through the provision of irrigation from the Site C reservoir
- **Worker Accommodation – Recreation Vehicles (RV)** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants noted that the RV spaces in the region are already at capacity and that they would like to see more spaces provided as part of the Site C project, and suggested that these spaces could remain as a lasting benefit from the Site C project.
- **Traffic Studies** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants said that showing the averages when looking at project-related traffic forecasts for the construction period seemed to understate the impact of project-related traffic. Participants also said that traffic studies should look at considerations, such as shift change times for other industries, as well as school hours, when planning for project transportation.

- **Airport and Air Travel** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants asked about how the Site C project would address the increase in demand for air travel by workers and the community. Some participants asked if an assessment of project impacts on the airport had been done.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants asked about greenhouse gas emissions related to the Site C project and whether there would be an offset plan.
- **Expression of Opposition** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants said they were opposed to the Site C project.
- **Highway 29** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants said that improvements are needed to sections of Highway 29, in addition to those being realigned as part of the Site C project, and that this work should be discussed with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and integrated with the Site C project.
- **Recreation** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants asked about the status of boat launches at Dunlevy and Taylor, and noted that recreational sites created as part of the Site C project would need to be better maintained than other BC Hydro-owned recreation sites in the region. Participants asked for clarification about how long the Site C reservoir would be closed to public access during construction.
- **Compensation** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants asked how BC Hydro would fairly compensate farmers and ranchers whose land is impacted by the Site C project.
- **Wildlife** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants were interested in plans to manage wildlife during clearing and in the vicinity of the Project Access Road.
- **Business Opportunities** (a key theme at 2 meetings)
Some participants asked about opportunities for businesses to participate in work related to establishing worker accommodation camps.

3.2 Stakeholder Meetings

The following are key themes from the 15 stakeholder meetings held as part of Project Definition Consultation, Fall 2012. Meetings are listed in chronological order.

Meeting notes from the stakeholder meetings can be found in Appendix 2.

1. Peace River Regional District – Monday, September 10, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants were interested in whether workers would be moved to and from work camps by shuttle bus

Transportation

- Participants asked which roads would be upgraded for public use if the construction of Site C proceeds
- Participants were interested in how construction materials would be moved to the Site C dam area and other construction sites, and whether rail would be used to transport materials

Clearing

- Participants expressed an interest in debris management and whether non-merchantable timber could be used for biofuel

Agriculture

- Participants were interested in the estimated total hectares of Class 1–5 agricultural lands impacted by the Site C project, including the percentage of Class 1 land in the Peace region that would be impacted, and the amount of Class 1 land that would remain in the Peace region if the Site C reservoir was created
- Participants were interested in how BC Hydro determined the agricultural utility ratings and asked whether the methodology was based on a national or international model

2. Fort St. John Stakeholder Meeting 1 – Monday, September 10, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants asked how BC Hydro would address the increased demand for housing as a result of the population increase associated with the Site C project
- Participants expressed concerns about increased pressure on health services and education system as a result of workers, and others associated with the Site C project, moving to the region

Transportation

- Participants expressed a desire for BC Hydro to upgrade local roads to a higher standard, including wider paved shoulders
- Some participants asked whether BC Hydro's Site C cost estimate for roads is realistic and whether it has been independently verified
- Participants asked about the possibility of moving construction material from Pine Pass by rail

Clearing

- Participants expressed concern about the amount of burning associated with reservoir clearing
- Participants asked for clarification about how long the Site C reservoir would be closed during construction
- Participants asked questions and expressed concerns about greenhouse gas emissions associated with reservoir clearing
 - One participant expressed concern that BC Hydro was not planning for carbon offsets associated with the Site C project

Agriculture

- Participants asked whether impact lines have been considered in the agricultural analysis
- Participants said that the impact of Site C on agricultural land is very significant
- Participants asked about agricultural mitigation options
 - One participant suggested the enhancement of lower-quality land to create more productive agricultural land

3. Fort St. John Local Government Meeting – Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Summary

- Mayor Ackerman expressed a desire for BC Hydro to work more closely and cooperatively with the City of Fort St. John, and requested a meeting to fully discuss a boundary expansion to include the Site C dam site and other project areas within the boundaries of the City of Fort St. John
- Participants expressed concern that BC Hydro is not listening to the issues and considerations raised by the City, and there was agreement among participants that a table of issues and considerations should be created
- Participants expressed that there is a need to leave Fort St. John better off following construction if the Site C project is certified to proceed
- Mayor Ackerman stated that BC Hydro's resistance to boundary expansion would not leave Fort St. John better off

Worker Accommodation

- Participants stated that they were not in favour of having two camps (one on the north bank and one on the south bank)
- Mayor Ackerman said that BC Hydro should encourage as much local accommodation for workers as possible
- Mayor Ackerman expressed concern about access to Fort St. John for medical emergencies from the south bank worker accommodation camp
- Participants expressed concern about impacts on community services, such as leisure facilities, as BC Hydro workers would be 'users', not 'contributors'

Transportation

- Mayor Ackerman said that Fort St. John wants BC Hydro to provide a bridge between the north and south bank for permanent public use; she mentioned that industries may support paying a toll for the bridge
- City Manager Dianne Hunter expressed concern that the impacts of material haul options, stated in averages, understated the impact of peak hauling activity

- City Manager Dianne Hunter said that BC Hydro should also be developing a plan for impacts on the airport
- Participants requested that BC Hydro and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure increase the standards for road construction, particularly related to increasing shoulder width. This would be one of the things that would contribute to a “better off” situation for Fort St. John if Site C were to proceed.
- City Manager Dianne Hunter stated that Site C mitigation plans need to account for ‘wear and tear’ on roads within Fort St. John from heavy vehicles coming in for fuel and service
- Mayor Ackerman said that the Council would like the Project Access Road open for permanent public use following construction
- Mayor Ackerman stated that the social considerations regarding construction worker shift cycles need to be more carefully reviewed and that the City needs a better idea of workers’ hours and shift cycles for planning purposes
- Mayor Ackerman requested that all vehicles used for the project be powered by natural gas and that the infrastructure for natural gas vehicles be built and left as a legacy benefit from the Site C project

Socio-Economic

- Participants expressed concern that BC Hydro should recruit a physician and a nurse practitioner who would integrate into medical services for Fort St. John as well as for the worker camps
- Participants said that funding for public recreation facilities, policing and other services that would be impacted by the Site C project would be addressed if BC Hydro agrees to boundary expansion

4. Fort St. John Stakeholder Meeting 2 – Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants asked about how workers and materials would be transported to the south bank camp

Transportation

- Participants asked about how the Site C project will help address the increase in demand for air travel by workers and the community
- Participants expressed concern about the need for upgrading local and regional roads to handle increased traffic caused by the Site C project and to ensure safety
- Participants expressed concern about safety related to workers driving home after 3-week shift rotations
- Participants said that materials should be moved by rail where possible

Clearing

- Participants expressed concern about how much burning would be undertaken as part of reservoir clearing, particularly with respect to air quality
- Participants expressed concern about the greenhouse gas impacts of reservoir clearing and asked if BC Hydro has an offset plan

Agriculture

- Participants said BC Hydro should not assume that land within the Peace River Boudreau Lake proposed protected area would be excluded from agricultural use in the development of the agricultural utility ratings²
- Participants asked if BC Hydro is evaluating the value of flooded topsoil as part of the agricultural assessment
- Participants expressed concerns about the amount of agricultural land that would be lost to flooding if Site C proceeds
- Participants suggested that the development of the Peace River valley, in particular development related to agriculture, would have been greater if the possibility of the Site C project had not existed

² The Peace River Boudreau Lake proposed protected area is proposed by two Land Use Plans in the region; it is expected that, if the protected area was approved, agricultural use would be limited to existing grazing tenures or perhaps some expanded grazing use.

5. Hudson's Hope Local Government Meeting – Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants suggested Site C should work with the BC Hydro Generation team to integrate the Site C worker accommodation with a plan to address the longer-term housing needs in Hudson's Hope
- Participants asked that BC Hydro consider whether the Site C project could move some of the affordable housing units from Fort St. John to Hudson's Hope for use as seniors' housing following construction
- Participants expressed an interest in having estimates about how many workers could be seeking housing in the Hudson's Hope area during the Site C construction period

Transportation

- Mayor Anderson asked BC Hydro to look more closely at moving construction materials by rail when possible. The Mayor said using rail would be safer and would result in less 'wear and tear' on Highway 29 and other regional roads.
- Councillor Heiberg expressed concern about proper management of truck and school bus interactions, particularly in winter
- Mayor Anderson stated that Hudson's Hope does not want a new permanent public access bridge across the Peace River

Clearing

- Councillor Heiberg asked if BC Hydro would hold the clearing licence
- Mayor Anderson asked how merchantable timber would be removed and transported from the Site C reservoir
- Councillor Heiberg expressed concern that non-merchantable timber would eventually float and create debris problems
- Councillor Johansson expressed concern that most non-merchantable timber would be burned because mills do not have the capacity for the amount of biomass from this project

- Participants would like to see the integration of Highway 29 realignments planned as part of the Site C project with other improvements to the highway that Council has requested from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

6. Hudson's Hope Stakeholder Meeting – Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Transportation

- Participants expressed concern about truck noise, particularly trucks braking as they descend down the hill to Hudson's Hope, and suggested that noise abatement would be needed
- Participants said that improvements are needed to sections of Highway 29, in addition to those being realigned as part of the Site C project, to increase safety and traffic flow
- Participants suggested that there may be a need for new pullouts and/or passing lanes required to help with additional traffic

Clearing

- Participants asked how BC Hydro would manage the increased access for 4x4 trucks and ATVs created as a result of clearing
- Participants expressed concern that wildlife would be adversely effected by clearing and asked how this would be managed
- Participants were interested in how BC Hydro would handle non-merchantable timber, including use of burning and biofuels

Agriculture

- Participants suggested that BC Hydro should allow applications for water withdrawals from the Site C reservoir for irrigation
- Participants suggested that the development of the Peace River valley, in particular development related to agriculture, would have been greater if the possibility of the Site C project had not existed

Environmental Assessment Process

- Participants asked questions about the environmental assessment process and the requirements for the assessment in terms of public engagement. Some participants expressed that the process was just a ‘rubber stamp’.
- One participant asked about the assessment of cumulative effects and disagreed with the approach regarding cumulative effects that is described in the Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines

7. Dawson Creek Local Government Meeting – Thursday, September 13, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Councillor Shuman asked about the location of in-community housing and whether it would be in Fort St. John
- Participants said that Dawson Creek is interested in worker housing being retained for affordable senior or social housing following construction and said this would be a legacy benefit from the Site C project
- Participants said the two-camp approach seemed reasonable, given the consideration of worker safety and productivity
- Participants mentioned that RV spaces in the region are already at capacity and asked if additional RV camps across the region would be left for communities or commercial enterprises to operate
- Participants asked whether BC Hydro would require the camps to be dry (no alcohol permitted) and said they were not sure that a dry approach was practical

Transportation

- Councillors present said they are not in favour of a new permanent public access bridge across the Peace River

Clearing

- Participants expressed an interest in whether the forest industry would be able to absorb the timber harvested as part of the Site C project
- Participants were interested in plans for debris management, including burning

Agriculture

- Councillor Malkinson asked how BC Hydro will fairly compensate farmers and ranchers whose land is impacted by the Site C project
- Participants expressed an interest in what would be included in the proposed agricultural compensation program

8. Dawson Creek Stakeholder Meeting – Thursday, September 13, 2012, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants asked for more information about how workers would get to the north and south bank camps
- Participants said the RV spaces in the area are already at capacity and that they would like to see BC Hydro provide additional capacity and new RV spaces

Transportation

- Participants expressed interest in the Project Access Road and wondered how BC Hydro could restrict access to the road following construction; some participants said that the public should have access to this road
- Some participants said that public access to the Project Access Road and a public bridge over the Peace and Pine rivers should be considered as benefits to the region
- Participants asked about the potential of using rail to move construction materials from Pine Pass

Clearing

- Participants were interested in BC Hydro’s ability to minimize debris during clearing and to manage debris post-construction

Agriculture

- Participants were concerned about impacts on agriculture from the Site C project and some expressed that preserving agricultural land is more important than the Site C project
- Participants asked how BC Hydro would fairly compensate farmers and ranchers whose land is impacted by the Site C project
- Some participants asked about the framework and rationale for the agricultural assessment
 - One participant expressed that BC Hydro should be looking at the agricultural potential of the entire valley and that the assessment should look at all aspects of agriculture, including range and forage

9. Taylor Local Government Meeting – Friday, September 14, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants asked about the location of in-community housing and whether it would be in Fort St. John
- Participants stressed that BC Hydro should look at opportunities within Taylor for worker accommodation and noted that there is also land available for industrial development

Transportation

- Participants asked about access to the Project Access Road
- Participants were interested in what would happen to construction areas following construction; in particular, they were interested in how the workforce camp area and construction material areas would be reclaimed

Clearing

- Participants asked that BC Hydro talk to local businesses in the forestry industry to ensure that businesses are aware of opportunities that may come from the Site C project

10. Taylor Stakeholder Meeting – Friday, September 14, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants were concerned about the impacts of the Site C workforce on local community services such as police, ambulance, fire and schools, and wanted to make sure that these were accounted for in workforce accommodation planning. Participants were interested in when more information about these impacts would be available.
- Participants were interested in how workers would be transported to the worker accommodation camps and asked about the difference between shuttles and park-and-ride facilities

Transportation

- Participants asked about specific routes along which workers and materials would be transported

Recreation

- Participants asked about the status of BC Hydro boat launches at Dunlevy and Taylor and noted that permanent recreational sites created for Site C would need to be better maintained than sites built for the W.A.C. Bennett Dam

**11. Tumbler Ridge Local Government/
Stakeholder Meeting – Monday, September
17, 2012, 2:00 p.m.**

Worker Accommodation

- Participants were interested in the location of in-community housing and whether it would be in Fort St. John
- Several participants who hoped to participate as suppliers to the Site C project expressed an interest in worker accommodation – specifically, the type, location, access and budget

Socio-Economic

- Participants asked about any direct impact from the project on Tumbler Ridge, and there was a discussion about the possibility of socio-economic impacts
- All of the attendees were interested in BC Hydro's plan to attract workers, given the high employment levels in the region and the shortage of available labour

**12. Chetwynd Local Government Meeting –
Tuesday, September 18, 2012,
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Clearing

- Participants were interested in the volume and areas of clearing and the use of merchantable and non-merchantable timber by the forest industry

Worker Accommodation

- Councillor Weisgerber asked about the location of in-community housing and whether it would be in Fort St. John

Transportation

- Mayor Nichols stated that a bridge should be built across the Pine River
- Some participants expressed concerns about the need for improvements south of Jackfish Lake Road, in particular the narrowness of existing shoulders.
- Several participants asked about the ability of roads to handle anticipated volumes.

- Participants stressed the importance of traffic studies to ensure that workers' shift changes at the mines, as well as other considerations, such as school hours, are understood in planning traffic movements through the area
- Participants asked about the possibility of moving construction materials from Pine Pass by rail
- Participants questioned how and why access to the Project Access Road would be restricted following construction. Some participants said it would be impractical to try and restrict access, as there are other roads that cross the Project Access Road.
- Mayor Nichols cautioned against restricting access to the Project Access Road

Agriculture

- Mayor Nichols questioned whether the development of the Peace River valley, in particular development related to agriculture, would have been greater if the possibility of the Site C project had not existed

**13. Chetwynd Stakeholder Meeting – Tuesday,
September 18, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Transportation

- Participants asked questions regarding the timing and volumes of materials movement, including the possibility of moving materials from Pine Pass by rail and the ability of roads to handle the heavy traffic, in particular Jackfish Lake Road
- Participants were interested in the road construction standard planned for the Project Access Road and how access would be controlled, both during and after construction

14. Mackenzie Local Government/Stakeholder Meeting – Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Transportation

- Participants asked about the possibility of moving materials from Pine Pass by rail and if there would be any rail improvements as part of the Site C project
- Participants asked about access to the Project Access Road and were interested in plans to protect wildlife in that area
- Participants were concerned about the congestion on roads currently, and noted that moving materials by road would worsen that situation
- Several participants were interested in plans for restoring roads after construction, given that they would have heavy traffic volumes

BC Hydro Commitments

- Participants were concerned about BC Hydro following through on mitigation plans for the Site C project when plans for Williston Reservoir, such as boat launches, were not completed

15. Prince George Local Government/Stakeholder Meeting – Thursday, September 20, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Worker Accommodation

- Participants were interested in whether the camps would be serviced by Fort St. John or self-sufficient in terms of services such as waste and power

Transportation

- Participants asked if BC Hydro had looked at using rail to move construction material from the quarry at Pine Pass

Clearing

- Participants asked questions regarding the amount and timing of clearing, as well as the use of merchantable timber and the option of using non-merchantable timber for biofuel

3.3 Open House Question and Answer Session – Fort St. John

The following are key themes from the Fort St. John open house question and answer session on Tuesday, September 11, 2012.

Open Houses in Hudson's Hope and Chetwynd were conducted in conjunction with stakeholder meetings (stakeholder meetings took place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and open houses took place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). As a result, question and answer sessions were not held as part of these open houses. At the open house in Dawson Creek on Thursday, September 13, a question and answer session was not held, due to the lower number of participants and to allow them to have one-on-one or small-group discussions with the project team.

Meeting notes from the question and answer session can be found in Appendix 3.

1. Fort St. John Open House – Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Agriculture

- Participants were concerned with the loss of valuable agricultural land as a result of the project

Transportation

- Participants asked about the length of new roads that would be created as part of the project, timing of access that would be needed for clearing, and whether construction of new roads for the Site C project would impact regional aggregate supplies

Expressions of Opposition

- Some participants expressed their opposition to the Site C project
 - Two participants referenced their First Nations heritage and stated their opposition to the Site C project
 - One participant expressed concerns about soil stability and erosion and said the soil stability was a 'showstopper' for the project

3.4 Submissions

In addition to comments on feedback forms, open-ended feedback was also received in the form of 12 submissions. Of the 12 submissions received, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes. It should be noted that a submission may have included more than one theme.

- Concern about the negative environmental impacts of the project (8 mentions)
- BC Hydro should explore alternative energy sources (5)
- Concern regarding impacts on local communities, such as stress on community infrastructure or resources (5)
- Opposition to the Site C project (4)
- Concern about impacts on agriculture (4)
- Concern about the negative economic impacts or taxpayer costs associated with the project (3)
- Concern about increased traffic congestion and/or safety (3)
- Concern about the effect on residents from construction or construction-related traffic (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays)
- Cited the need for more power (2)
- Support for the Site C project (2)
- Need to accommodate recreational use and/or access (2)
- Positive economic impacts associated with dam construction (2)
- Concern about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (2)
- Worker accommodation should not be temporary or low quality, and should be left for future use (2)
- Need for more affordable housing units throughout the Peace region (1)

3.5 Feedback Forms

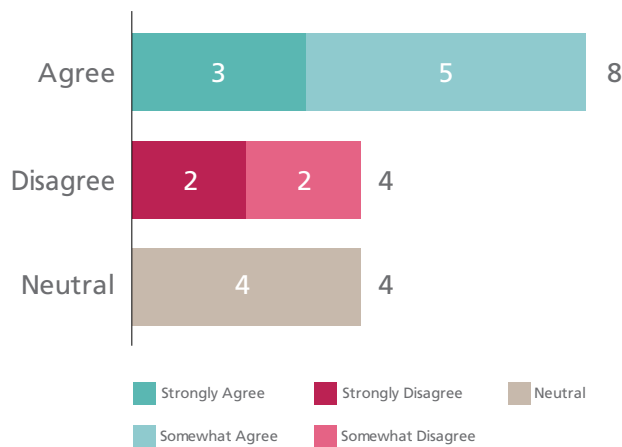
Worker Accommodation

1. BC Hydro’s Preliminary Worker Accommodation Plan

The preliminary plan includes the following components:

1. **Workers living locally** – local residents, regional commuters and new in-community housing to support workers moving to the area.
2. **Workforce camp accommodation for core construction activities** (Site C dam site) – two camps, one on the north bank and one on the south bank of the Peace River, which would operate with varied schedules and capacity throughout the construction period, based on construction requirements.
3. **Smaller regional workforce camps for other project activities** (regional construction sites) – short-term camp accommodation may be used in the region near construction activities.
4. **Accommodation Support** – monitoring housing requirements, support for workers seeking housing, and ongoing communication with regional communities.

1.1 Please rate your level of agreement with the preliminary worker accommodation plan.



Base: (n=16)

Please provide reasons for your rating:

Of the 14 participants who provided reasons for their ratings, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Need for more affordable housing units throughout the Peace region (6 mentions)
- Concerns about the impact of workers on communities. Pressures on community infrastructure and resources and impacts on housing costs, for example. (5)
- Positive economic impacts associated with dam construction (4)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (3)
- Opposition to the Site C project (2)
- Supportive of mitigation plans (2)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (1)
- Worker accommodation should not be temporary; instead, could be legacy benefit for communities (1)
- RV sites could be left in place after construction, if there was succession planning in place (1)
- Do not support use of RV camps for workers (1)
- Cited a need for more power (1)

1.2 Please provide any additional comments you may have regarding BC Hydro’s preliminary worker accommodation plan.

Of 11 participants who contributed additional comments about the preliminary worker accommodation plan, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about the impact of workers on communities. Pressures on community infrastructure and resources, for example. (6 mentions)
- Need for more affordable housing units throughout the Peace region (3)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (1)
- More consultation with local communities needed (1)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (1)
- Worker accommodation should not be temporary; instead, could be legacy benefit for communities (1)
- Supportive of mitigation plans (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (1)
- Positive economic impacts associated with dam construction (1)

2. Workers Living Locally

Building New Housing

BC Hydro is currently working in cooperation with BC Housing towards building approximately 40 new housing units for use by BC Hydro’s workforce and their families during construction, plus 10 new affordable housing units. Other projects may be considered.

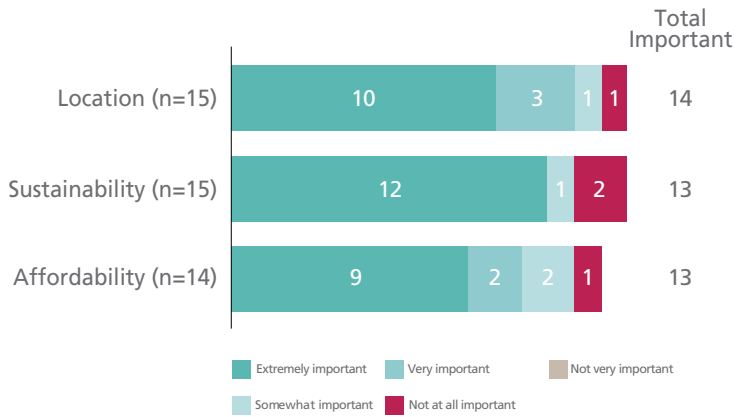
After construction of the Site C project, all of the housing units would be available as affordable housing in the community. BC Hydro’s participation would provide a financial contribution to offset the cost of building affordable housing for the region.

Development Priorities for New Housing – Consultation Topic

In committing to build new housing, several objectives could be considered during development:

- **Affordability** – building units that add to the affordable housing stock
- **Sustainability** – building units that demonstrate high energy-efficiency standards and sustainable design
- **Location** – building units that have good access to community services (groceries, medical clinic, movie theatres) and transportation options (walking, transit, cycling)

2.1 Please rate the importance of each of these objectives for consideration by BC Hydro regarding new housing development.



3. Worker Accommodation – Additional Comments

Please provide any additional comments regarding worker accommodation.

Of 11 participants who provided additional comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Need for more affordable housing units throughout the Peace region (5 mentions)
- Concerns about the impact of workers on communities. Pressures on community infrastructure and resources and impacts on housing costs, for example. (5)
- Worker accommodation should not be temporary or low quality, and should be left in place after construction (3)
- Opposition to Site C project (2 mentions)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (2)
- Concerns about environmental impacts from the project (1)
- BC Hydro should explore alternative energy sources (1)
- More consultation with local communities/ shareholders is needed (1)

Transportation

Traffic Communications Methods

If the Site C Clean Energy Project were to proceed to construction, BC Hydro would implement construction communications and community relations activities to minimize traffic disruption and maximize predictability and safety for the travelling public and workers on the project.

These activities would be designed to keep the public and stakeholders advised on a timely basis about traffic flow, specifically incidents or emergency management situations, and to provide timely notice of construction-related delays, closures and detours if required.

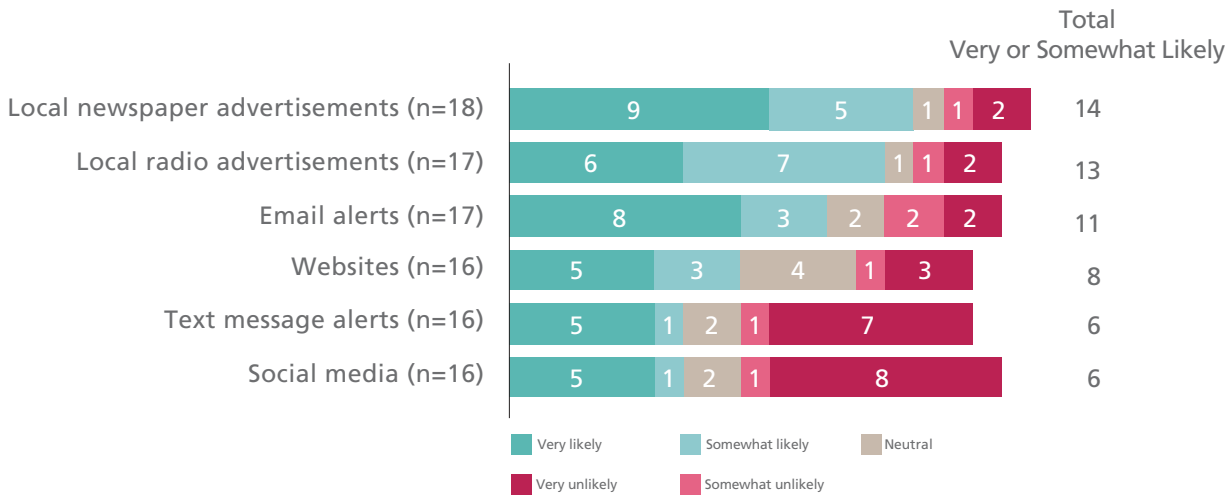
Methods of communication could include such things as advertisements and public service announcements in local newspapers, on local radio and on websites, as well as email and social media alerts, text message alerts and messages on portable, changeable signs.

4. In addition to messages on portable, changeable signs, BC Hydro will provide traffic communications through other channels. Please rate how likely you would be to use the following traffic communications methods:

Additional Information Regarding Construction Traffic Control Plans and Traffic Management Plans

Each construction site would require a Construction Traffic Control Plan, which would outline traffic control measures at that site. Where work is taking place on provincial highways, approval from the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure would be required. Generally, these plans would take into account site-specific details such as maximum hourly traffic volume and special conditions, along with best management practices, regional or municipal standards, and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure standards.

For each of the following areas, please provide any additional information that BC Hydro should be aware of in developing Construction Traffic Control Plans or Traffic Mitigation Plans.



5. Hudson's Hope

Of 8 participants who provided additional information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (5 mentions)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on local residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (2)
- Highway 29 at Hudson's Hope needs to be widened (1)
- Need for safety signage as part of the project (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Concerns about impacts on community (1)
- Need for traffic control measures and development of alternative routes in Hudson's Hope (1)
- Traffic management plans need to be developed in conjunction with other industries, such as oil and gas industries (1)
- Concerns about traffic delays when accessing recreational sites (1)
- Traffic information for all project areas should be located in one place, like the DriveBC website (1)

6. Highway 29 – Hudson's Hope to Fort St. John

Of 9 participants who provided additional information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (5 mentions)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on local residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays, impacts on farming and ranching activities) (4)
- Traffic control plans should be developed with resident and landowner input, and considering use of the highway by other industries (2)
- Transportation infrastructure concerns (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (2)
- Concerns about impacts on agricultural land (2)
- Concerns about environmental impact (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Concerns about impacts on local communities (i.e., stress on infrastructure) (1)
- Concerns about delays in accessing recreational sites (1)
- Concerns about the accuracy of traffic estimates (1)

7. Highway 97 North (Fort St. John to Taylor and Dawson Creek)

Of 10 participants who provided additional information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about transportation infrastructure impacts (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (6 mentions)
- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (5)
- Concerns about impacts on local communities (i.e., stress on infrastructure, social, economic) (2)
- More consultation with local communities needed (2)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Concerns about the accuracy of traffic estimates (1)
- Ongoing maintenance and paving of highways and roads within Fort St. John is required (1)

8. Fort St. John to Dam Site (Old Fort Road, 240 Road, 269 Road and 85th Avenue)

Of 9 participants who provided additional information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (5 mentions)
- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (5)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on local residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (2)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (2)
- Concerns about the accuracy of traffic estimates (2)
- Estimated budget for road upgrades is inadequate (1)
- Wider shoulders should be included in road upgrades (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Suggestions for safety measures, such as signage and increased RCMP presence (1)

9. Highway 97 South (Chetwynd)

Of 6 participants who provided information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (3 mentions)
- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (2)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (1)
- Concerns about environmental impact (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Transportation of materials and goods should be done at off-peak times (1)

10. Jackfish Lake Road to Dam Site

Of 11 participants who provided information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (4 mentions)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (4)
- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (3)
- More consultation with local communities needed (3)
- Need to accommodate recreational use, including interest in access from construction roads (3)
- Concerns about environmental impacts (2)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Rail should be used to transport materials (1)

Transportation Mitigation

Potential mitigation for increases in traffic from Fort St. John to the Site C dam site would include the following:

- Upgrades to Old Fort Road, 240 Road and 269 Road (south of 240 Road) to improve safety and reduce dust
- BC Hydro is currently studying the potential for commercial and recreational facilities for workers in workforce camps, to reduce traffic volume effects while still allowing for workers to travel to regional communities to create local economic benefits
- BC Hydro has initiated discussions with School District 60 regarding enhancements to school bus pickup locations to ensure safe pickup and drop-off
- BC Hydro has initiated conversations with Canada Post regarding increasing the size of pullouts for community mailboxes. This would improve safety for residents picking up their mail as well as for Canada Post workers delivering mail.

11. Please provide any comments you may have regarding the proposed mitigation for this area:

Of 12 participants who provided information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (5 mentions)
- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (5)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (3)
- Opposition to the Site C project (3)
- Need for further consultation with communities or local governments (3)

Jackfish Lake Road to Dam Site

Potential mitigation for the increase in traffic along Jackfish Lake Road includes the following:

- Upgrades to Jackfish Lake Road, which would improve safety and reduce noise and dust
- Constructing Project Access Road for Site C-related traffic would reduce potential conflicts with industrial vehicles and other traffic using the resource roads
- Upgrades and maintenance to resource roads during the first year of construction
- BC Hydro has initiated discussions with Canada Post and School District 59 regarding enhancements to mailbox and school bus pickup locations to ensure safe pickup and drop-off
- Shuttle buses would be used to transport workers, to reduce the total number of vehicles travelling on Jackfish Lake Road and the Project Access Road

12. Please provide any comments you may have regarding the proposed mitigation for this area:

Of 10 participants who provided information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and safety (4 mentions)
- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (2)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (2)
- Opposition to the Site C project (2)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (2)
- Supportive of mitigation plans (1)
- Project Access Road should be made public for future recreational access to the south bank (1)

Clearing

Preliminary Clearing Plan

13. Please provide any comments about the preliminary clearing plan, including timing for the 20 per cent of reservoir clearing that could be completed earlier (Years 3 and 4) or later (Years 5 and 6) in the construction period.

Of 9 participants who provided information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (5 mentions)
- Prefer clearing to be completed later in the construction schedule (in Years 5 and 6, as opposed to Years 3 and 4) (2)
- Need to accommodate recreational use (2)
- Supportive of mitigation plans (1)
- Need for further consultation with communities or local governments (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Positive impacts associated with dam construction (1)

14. Additional Comments – Please provide feedback regarding any aspect of clearing that you may want BC Hydro to consider.

Of 10 participants who provided information, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

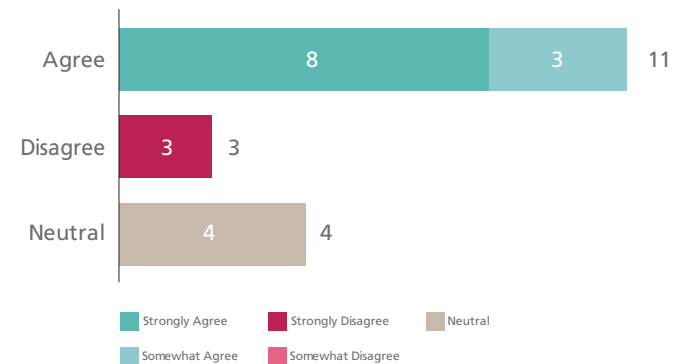
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (3 mentions)
- Concerns about negative impact on agriculture (2)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (3)
- Need for further consultation with communities or local governments (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Positive impacts associated with dam construction (1)

Agriculture

15. BC Hydro is proposing to establish an agricultural compensation fund to support in-valley and regional agricultural projects.

These projects would focus on enhancements that would improve agricultural production on a local and regional scale. Regional agricultural projects would be nominated by community or agricultural organizations for evaluation by the agricultural fund administrators on, for example, an annual basis. Please rate your level of agreement with exploring the following projects:

15.1 Crop irrigation research and development and infrastructure to enhance agricultural capability in the Peace River valley.



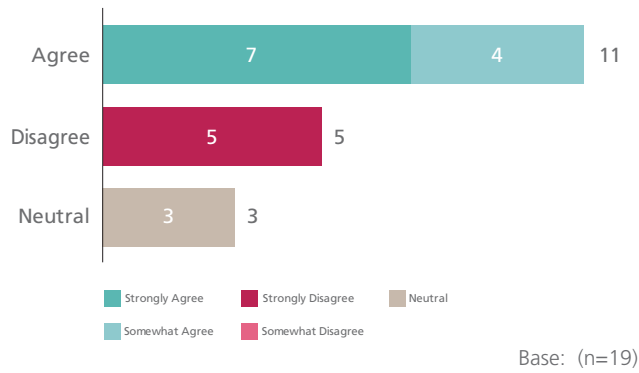
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Comments:

Of 9 participants who provided comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about negative impacts on agriculture (7 mentions)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (2)
- Opposition to the Site C project (2)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (1)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (1)

15.2 Vegetable sector projects, such as vegetable storage and processing facilities near transportation routes, to support development of higher-value agricultural production.

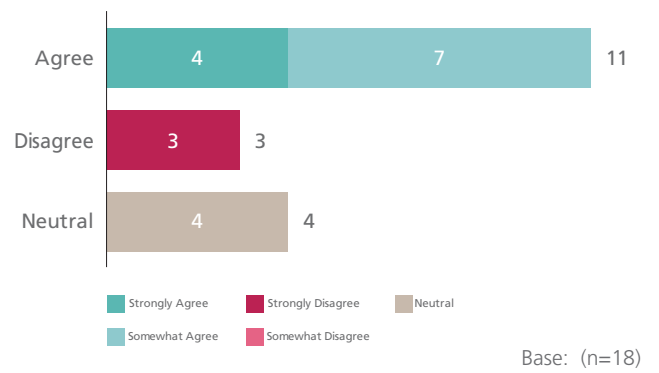


Comments:

Of 9 participants who provided comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about negative impacts on agriculture (5 mentions)
- Opposition to the Site C project (3)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (2)
- Concerns about the effect of traffic and construction on residents (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (1)
- Concerns about impact on local communities (i.e., additional stress on infrastructure and services) (1)

15.3 Forage sector projects to increase current forage (food for horses and cattle) and grain crop production levels.

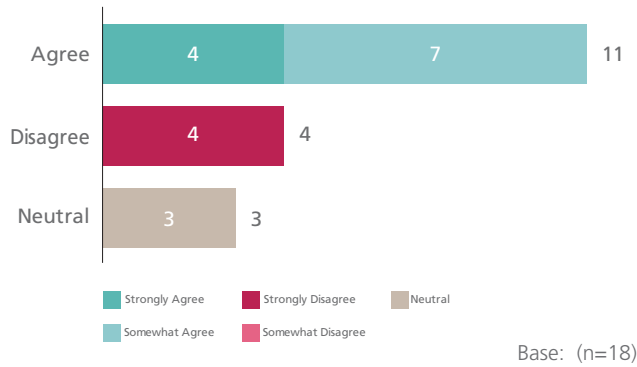


Comments:

Of 10 participants who provided comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about negative impacts on agriculture (6 mentions)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (1)
- Concerns about impact on local communities (i.e., additional stress on infrastructure and services) (1)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (1)

15.4 Range and pasture sector improvements, such as clearing, seeding, fertilizing and fencing, to increase capacity and local production.

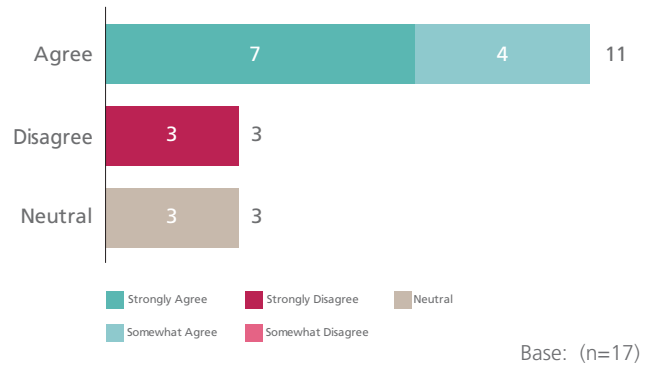


Comments:

Of 7 participants who provided comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (2 mentions)
- Concerns about negative impacts on agriculture (1)
- Opposition to the Site C project (1)
- Concerns about negative economic impacts and taxpayer costs associated with the project (1)

15.5 Regional agricultural programs, such as invasive plant management, agricultural climate adaptation research, or local food production programs.



Comments:

Of 10 participants who provided comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes:

- Opposition to the Site C project (4 mentions)
- Concerns about negative impacts on agriculture (3)
- Concerns about impact on local communities (i.e., additional stress on infrastructure and services) (3)
- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (2)
- Need for further consultation with communities or local governments (1)

Additional Comments

16. Additional Comments

Please provide any additional comments you might have regarding the Site C Clean Energy Project.

Of 21 respondents who provided additional comments, the following were the most commonly mentioned themes. It should be noted that each response may have included more than one theme.

- Concerns about the negative environmental impacts of the project (12 mentions)
- Opposition to the Site C project (8)
- Support for the Site C project (6)
- Concerns about negative impacts on agriculture (6)
- BC Hydro should explore alternative energy sources (6)
- Concerns about impact on local communities (i.e., additional stress on infrastructure and services) (4)
- Concerns about the negative economic impacts or taxpayer costs associated with the project (4)
- Concerns about increased traffic congestion and/or safety (3)
- Concerns about the effect on residents from construction or construction-related traffic (i.e., noise, dust, construction delays) (3)
- Need for further consultation with communities or local governments (3)
- Positive economic impacts associated with dam construction (2)
- Concerns about transportation infrastructure (i.e., maintenance, updating, widening of roads) (2)
- Need to accommodate recreational use and/or access (2)
- Cited the need for more power (1)

